

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1074

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By Ms. Wolf of Cambridge, petition of Alice K. Wolf and others relative to increased funding for special education in the Commonwealth. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Alice K. Wolf	Deborah D. Blumer
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASED FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,
- 2 total payments and reimbursements by the Commonwealth for
- 3 special education costs incurred by School Committees shall be
- 4 increased, subject to appropriation, over the ensuing five fiscal
- 5 years such that, at the end of the five year period, total payments

6 and reimbursements for special education incurred by the cities  
7 and towns in the commonwealth, provided that such funding shall  
8 be appropriated by diminishing funds disbursed under chapter 70  
9 of the M.G.L. The formula for calculating the total percentage  
10 allocation shall include allocations within the foundation budget  
11 plus all other direct allocations appropriated for the purposes of  
12 covering special education costs.